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Are you sharing your faith? When you finish reading *Faith & Friends* in the centre of this issue, pull it out and give it to someone who needs to hear about Christ's life-changing power. You'll both be glad you did.

Social Justice Over a Cup of Coffee

I think it is safe to say that we believe in justice for all. The images of the homeless, the hungry and the coffee plantation worker are disturbing reminders that injustice is both far and near. Doug Field's article on Fair Trade coffee (page 12) highlights the complexity of our world and suggests a practical way to serve as "our brother's keeper."

We applaud the General for his initiative in establishing the International Social Justice Commission (see the interview with Commissioner

M. Christine MacMillan on page 4). The quest for social justice is indeed part of the DNA of The Salvation Army. We believe in social justice for all. But is that enough?

"To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice" (Proverbs 21:3). Rather than just talking about it, let's take action. Perhaps, once we have absorbed the message of this month's issue, it will not be just the caffeine that keeps us awake at night.

Major Jim Champ, Editor-in-Chief

Cry Freedom

International Social Justice Commission speaks up for those who have no voice

Interview with Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan
International Director for Social Justice, IHQ

In February 2007, General Shaw Clifton announced the establishment of the International Social Justice Commission and appointed Commissioner M. Christine MacMillan, a Canadian officer then serving as territorial commander for Canada and Bermuda, as the first international director for social justice. The commission was launched on July 1, 2007, and is based in New York City.

Commissioner MacMillan is the Army's principal international advocate and advisor on social, economic and political issues and events that give rise to the perpetuation of social injustice in the world. She and her unit assist The Salvation Army to address social injustice in a systematic, proactive and Christian manner, consistent with the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army.

How would you describe yourself?

I'm a thinker, but coupled with that, I value ideals. I'm more people-focused in terms of thinking and outcomes than task-focused. I'm also an introvert, and that allows me to go deep and struggle with God.

Were you always in The Salvation Army?

I was dedicated in The Salvation Army but then moved around a lot. As a teenager, I made a deliberate decision to leave the Army for a time. It was not a rebellion; it was about wanting the Army to take its identity seriously. However, I now want to be in the world *with* the Army.

What do you remember of your early faith experiences with God?

My first strong awareness of God came when I was three. I was in a Salvation Army Sunday school singing *Jesus Loves Me*. We were walking around in a circle and I was



Commissioner MacMillan shares the Gospel during New Zealand's Freedom Congress

playing a triangle while being watched by adults who sat around us on chairs. Suddenly an awareness came over me. I ran out of the room into a dark hallway, knowing in that moment that the words I was singing would have everything to do with my life or nothing—knowing they were words to be reckoned with!

And the path to Salvation Army officership?

I was in my late 20s when I was called. I knew it would be a cost for me to be a Salvation Army officer in terms of my lifestyle as a single woman. I was a social worker before I became an officer. In my officership, I've always had a sense of wanting to connect to marginalized people—I've been magnetized to these people. When I think about Jesus, I visualize him being with people who didn't have all the answers. That makes complete sense to me as an officer. Any time in life that we capture a sense of being in control, we're in danger of losing our sense of faith.

Is social justice an addendum to Salvationist faith or central to it?

Justice is not an attribute of God; it is his essence. God saw the injustice in a world that fell, and his heart responded in sending his Son. So justice is not a sideline characteristic of God or our faith.

I do think that justice has to be redemptive. It requires changes, such as holiness of life. The "branding" of social justice within The Salvation Army has to be as much about us as about social justice. We need to brand it *in* our life—that is, as holiness of life.

Social justice is living our life in such a way that it's not a legalistic righteousness connected with *just* a code of conduct for myself; it is a righteousness that is concerned with those outside my own domain.

Is there a danger of social justice being compartmentalized into social services or activism, for instance, and finding no connection with evangelism and worship?

Social justice has got to be part of the Salvation Army mainstream! If it departs from that and starts its own track, we've not heard what God says.

Social justice is part of our worship—it is God's message to the world that he wants to embrace the broken-hearted. We only have to go back to the Scriptures, to our Salvation Army history books and to the life of Jesus to see this. As we do, we should ask, "What does God want The Salvation Army to be to the world?" If we look at the start of charity in The Salvation Army, we see that William Booth brought around him social-justice thinkers and strategizers. If you want to quarrel with the concepts of social justice, you'll have to quarrel with Jesus.

God wants us to look into the darkest parts of our world and help people find ways out. The best way to do that is through a social-justice framework involving faith—one that develops communities, speaks up for those who have no voice and has concern about the inequity of life. There are people who are already well attuned to this, but we want to take the whole Army with us. This is not some new revolution; it's here to stay.

Do you see justice as "fairness"?

No, it's more than fairness. It's more than about getting even—it's about grace. We could never create a society where everybody has the same as the next person. God is far more creative than that! He knows what we need individually.

How do you see freedom and poverty linked?

Poverty and freedom are intimately connected. You're free when you're not trying to amass what you *think* will provide freedom—those things will become a noose around your neck. When I was in Papua New Guinea as territorial commander, I discovered what true community was, without all the material crutches of what we think will make us the person we want to become.

We need people around us—we need community. So, looking at justice, it's not just about more things; it's about creating an environment where there is trust.

Why is this the right time for the establishment of a Salvation Army Social Justice Commission?

We're at the point where the world requires an overarching response on all sorts of global issues. So it is timely that The Salvation Army has created a global

resource to be strategic worldwide.

What is needed in the world is a model of interdependence, and The Salvation Army is beautifully placed for that because our governance structure is the same across the world and because we believe the same things.

The Army has a solid apolitical stance. We don't adhere to any one political party, but we do work through political means. By that, I mean that the Army is not divorced from political conversation, so we can speak to the party in power and the one that is not. Political entities have power, and The Salvation Army can and does influence that power for good.

The experience of the commission so far is that governments are reaching out to us because The Salvation Army has something to offer—we are rich in experience, we have a lot of savvy about how to work with people and situations.

However, there is a challenge for us in this: *We know how to sing together—do we know how to speak together out in the world?* As Salvationists, perhaps we need to develop a deeper appreciation of the Army's presence in the world and the strength that gives us.

God wants us to look into the darkest parts of our world and help people find ways out

You've said that it's key that those in the developing world are "at the table" as The Salvation Army considers issues of social justice. Why is that so important?

Democracy is about hearing voices. An example of this is people having a vote. We often don't appreciate in the Western world how much freedom we have to speak. However, in the Western world, we also often assume that we know what people want, and we don't always take the time to engage with them on what *their* solutions are.

The International Social Justice Commission is about trying to reclaim those voices. The Salvation Army believes in the power of testimonies, so if there's an issue—particularly in world hunger or

sexual trafficking—the Army wants to hear from those experiencing these issues. Our purpose is to advocate for human dignity and social justice *with* the world's poor and oppressed. One of the ways that we will do that is by engaging interns from developing nations so that they are around the table with us.

What are some of the key issues that the commission is addressing?

We're discovering that social justice as a subject is not well understood, so we're developing tools and resources (including brochures and a website). These will provide reflections on the theological foundations of social justice. We want social justice to be within the theological core of who we are in The Salvation Army, since Jesus enacted this in his lifestyle.


At the same time, we're out "at the tables" with people over these issues, taking the wonderful experience of The Salvation Army in 115 countries. We're learning from others and working alongside them, but we're also sharing Salvation Army models to relieve injustice.

I would also see our unit doing applied research—field research—so we'd look at a process of attacking one issue with the best thinking at the table. There will be great learnings from that approach.

What are the strengths of your particular role within the commission?

I have direct access to every territorial commander in the world. I can work together with Salvationists and other non-governmental offices regardless of territorial boundaries, drilling down deep and getting a solution that we wouldn't get without sitting at the table together.

But does the commission have sufficient "teeth" to drive social justice change?

Our "teeth" is in our opportunity to work globally and in our willingness to work together. The "teeth" is *not* in telling people what to do! 

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Interview conducted in April 2008 by Major Christina Tyson, territorial communications secretary, New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga Territory, during the territory's Just Action '08 Conference

Rally in the Valley— A Fresh Beginning

In March, the community services staff in Houston-Bulkley Valley, B.C., held a youth outreach event called Rally in the Valley featuring Christian hip-hop artist Fresh IE (Fresh In Eternity). Fresh IE, a.k.a. Rob Wilson, was heavily involved in substance abuse and criminal activity until an encounter with a blind man caught his attention and led him to God.

Fresh IE spoke with students and teachers at the Bulkley Valley Christian High School and spent time at the Smithers Drop-in Centre before participating in the main Rally in the Valley event. During his time of music and sharing, Fresh IE brought a message of hope and life in Jesus Christ to the young people. By the end of the evening, 15 had accepted Christ for the first time.

Many were skeptical about a “Christian” hip-hop artist in the beginning. However, as the day progressed and Fresh IE connected with the young people of Smithers, it was evident that God can use all forms of music to reach lost souls. Organizers consider Rally in the Valley a complete success. They say, “The Lord provided a mighty blessing. We serve an awesome God.”



Young people enjoy the music of Fresh IE



Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis with new senior soldiers, band members and songsters

It has been a long, long time since I have been in a meeting where the Holy Spirit moved like it is moving here tonight,” remarked Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander. Several families and a group of teenagers were kneeling in commitment during the Sunday evening meeting that marked the culmination of the 120th anniversary weekend at St. John’s Citadel, N.L., in April.

Celebrations commenced with a Friday night youth focus featuring vibrant singing, testimonies, humour and a challenge to the young people to make healthy spiritual choices. The next day, Commissioner Marilyn D. Francis, territorial president of women’s ministries, read Scripture at a prayer brunch and brought words of greeting and challenge to those

who had gathered.

The Saturday night gala entitled Celebration Showcase commenced with an alumni band conducting an open-air meeting. The evening included a puppet named Earl Junior, dramatizations of comrades from another era, and lots of music from the singing company, songsters and senior band, as well as the participation of the corps’ creative arts group.

During the Sunday salvation meeting, 12 senior soldiers were enrolled and three adherents welcomed. New band members and songsters were also commissioned. Drawing upon examples from the early Salvation Army, Commissioner William Francis challenged the corps to continue to know Christ and present the message of God’s love in its community.

Multicultural Celebration in Montreal

In April, flags from 12 different nations, along with Canada, British Columbia, Quebec and Montreal, were presented by members of Montreal’s Christian Community Centre, a new church plant in the city. The congregation recalled the cultural ties that remain as individuals gave testimonies, updating those gathered on the current situation and concerns in their native lands.

The flags are displayed in the church as a continual reminder of the multicultural diversity represented in God’s family. This support helps make the ministry centre a home away from home for new Canadians.

Members present flags representing their homelands



Solid Rock—Return Engagement

In August 2007, youth band members from Grand Falls Citadel, N.L., who call themselves Solid Rock Brass, travelled to Alberta. In March of this year, the Edmonton Temple Youth Band visited Newfoundland on the return portion of the exchange. The young Albertans had a real taste of Newfoundland culture as they experienced local music and cuisine, ice-fishing and snowmobiling, a visit to Signal Hill in St. John's, as well as the unforgettable ritual of "kissing the cod."

During their visit, the two groups also experienced more serious moments as they rehearsed and shared in musical ministry together. The bands led a praise concert in



Young musicians minister together

the small town of Buchans and the Sunday worship service at Grand Falls Citadel. The leaders of both groups are pleased to see the relationships that have been formed between young people from distant parts of Canada. Their prayer for the young people is that they will continue to grow in their faith and in unity with each other.

Community Effort in Charlottetown

The annual Red Shield campaign has become a neighbourhood project in Charlottetown, P.E.I. Ten corps members gave their time to prepare 100 kits for



collecting. Local volunteers for canvassing came from army, sea and navy cadets as well as participants in the city's "YOUTH-CAN-DO" program. Area car dealers provided vehicles and gas to transport canvassers, and members of the Canadian Armed Forces served as drivers for the campaign. They also made their facility available as a Red Shield home base. The outstanding community support allowed the Army to reach 2,000 homes with its Red Shield campaign.

Volunteers prepare kits for canvassers

Did you know...

...parents have more influence over their children's behaviour than they think they do? For example, 87 percent of teenagers view their parents as reliable sources of information about illegal drugs
...the Netherlands has produced a series of nine stamps commemorating the life of Lt-Col Alida Bosshardt, OF? Promoted to Glory in 2007, she is particularly remembered for her work in Amsterdam's red-light district

...empty churches in Belgium are being turned into mosques? As Christian congregations decline, Muslims are requiring more places in which to worship
... The Salvation Army is observing the third annual International Weekend of Prayer and Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking September 26-28? To register and receive further information and free resources, visit www.salvationarmyusa.org/trafficking

...following the cyclone that hit Myanmar earlier this year, the Army's work in that country has opened doors to longer-term work? In addition to rebuilding homes, the Army plans to provide assistance with clean water and training in health and hygiene
...Popular Mechanics magazine has produced a list of 25 skills every man should know? Among the essential skills it lists are painting a room, mixing concrete and filleting a fish

Lethbridge at 110



Mjrs Brian and Edith Beveridge, COs, with Jack Cullen and Lynn Lowe

Members of Lethbridge Community Church, Alta., braved blizzard-like conditions in April to celebrate the 110th anniversary of The Salvation Army's ministry in their community. While enjoying dinner, those in attendance were treated to musical items representing the history of the Army as well as short anecdotes of historical interest.

Former corps officers Majors Gordon and Connie Armstrong, as well as Major Ken Percy representing divisional headquarters, contributed to the celebration in music and spoken word.

Major Gordon Armstrong brought the Sunday morning message, explaining how God's plan can always win out over our own. Following the service, there was a time of fellowship and visitation as well as the opportunity to review displays of historical pictures and greetings from former corps officers and corps members.

CFOT Chapel Honours Selfless Service



During commissioning weekend (see report on page 10), a special service was held at the College for Officer Training to dedicate the college chapel as the Walter Chapel. It is named in honour of Staff-Captain Alice Walter, who was introduced to The Salvation Army in London, England, in 1896 as a 27-year-old widow with four small children. She was so impressed that she not only joined the Army but eventually became an officer, serving in England, Canada (including three years at the then Central Training Home) and later as a missionary in

Commissioner William Francis with Dr. Bruce Walter, who represented the Walter family at the dedication

India. Since that time, four generations of Walters have served as officers in Canada and Bermuda, including her grandson, Commissioner Stanley Walter, who was training principal at Toronto CFOT from January 1973 to July 1975.

The dedication plaque on the chapel says:

More than a century of dedicated Christian service through The Salvation Army by the Walter family had its beginning in the commitment of Staff-Captain Alice M. Walter in London, England, in June 1896. This chapel celebrates their commitment and that of all Salvationists whose selfless service to God continues to bring hope to countless vulnerable and marginalized people in Canada and throughout the world.

Miracles in the Midst of Tragedy

When an explosion rocked the northern Saskatchewan town of Nipawin in April, 25 Salvation Army volunteers worked alongside firefighters, police and EMS workers to meet the needs of victims. A natural-gas line ruptured by construction equipment led to the explosion that killed a father and son. While the explosion levelled one store and damaged two others, firefighters miraculously prevented the fire from consuming an adjacent hardware store where ammunition is stocked.



Fire started by a natural gas explosion in Nipawin, Sask.

The volunteers, along with the Royal Canadian Legion and local motels and restaurants, provided food, coffee and juice for emergency personnel throughout the day. While saddened by the loss of the two men, the town was also grateful for miracles that took place: a woman

left the hair salon only a moment before its plate-glass window was shattered by the explosion; a windstorm swept through Nipawin after the fire was extinguished.

By nightfall, all of those displaced by the explosion had found temporary accommodation. Captain Michael Ramsay, CO, reflects, "As we continue in prayer for the town that is mourning the loss of two of its citizens, we also praise the Lord for the many miracles he performed that day and the ability of the town to rally together."

Volleyball Tournament for World Missions

A volleyball tournament at Mountain Citadel, Hamilton, Ont., raised more than \$1,000 for world missions in April. Organizer Josh Downer was inspired to do something for the less fortunate in Third-World countries after returning from a missions trip to Peru and Panama. "I saw kids with nothing, living a life no one should live," he says. "We have it very good here in Canada, so I know there's more we can do."

For Josh, that included inviting local police officers, community college and high-school students and Salvationists to gather in support of The Salvation Army's Partners in Mission campaign. The result was greater than Josh anticipated. "Even a local television station showed up for our fundraiser," he says.

Major Gillian Brown, associate director of world missions, THQ, was on hand for the event. "I think that there's a growing awareness and responsibility for global issues," she commented. "We all need to be involved and find ways to support people in countries where they don't have the same facilities that we do to meet their needs."

Josh is pleased with the results of the effort that brought together many different community groups and helped to raise awareness about global poverty issues. "Not only did we surpass our goal of \$1,000," he says, "but everyone is so excited for next year!"



Hamilton volleyball tournament raised more than \$1,000 for world missions

For Service to Humanity

University of Windsor bestows honorary degree on Captain (Dr.) Paul Thistle

by Major Pat Phinney, Public Relations and Development Director for London and Windsor, Ontario Great Lakes Division

On Wednesday, June 11, Captain (Dr.) Paul Thistle was recognized by Ontario's University of Windsor with an honorary doctor of laws degree. The presentation acknowledged his outstanding work as a Canadian physician and humanitarian and his contributions to the care and treatment of HIV/AIDS patients in rural Zimbabwe and around the world.

The day commenced with a private luncheon hosted by University of Windsor Chancellor Dr. Edward C. Lumley and President and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Ross H. Paul. Supporting Captain Thistle and his two sons, James and Alexander, were the captain's parents, brother-in-law and several close friends. Representing The Salvation Army were Major Rene Loveless, divisional secretary for program, Ontario Great Lakes Division, and Major Pat Phinney, public relations and development director for London and Windsor.

During the afternoon convocation for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Captain Thistle was introduced to the graduating class as a Canadian physician and Salvation Army officer, chief medical officer and chief of staff at Howard Hospital in Zimbabwe, a humanitarian whose work speaks of social justice and a fundraiser and published researcher who has contributed greatly to our knowledge of HIV care and treatment. The president indicated that in bestowing this honorary degree, the university was honouring all that was best about education, knowledge and practices.

Captain Thistle thanked the university for honouring his ministry and recognizing the work of Howard Hospital. In his address to the graduates, he spoke of the hospital's history and the political and economic challenges of living in Zimbabwe. In light of overwhelming inflation, it is only through the support of international partnerships that the facility can continue to offer its medical and health services. "Though HIV/AIDS has stripped an entire generation of parents, teachers and breadwinners," he said, "the tide has now turned so that AIDS is no



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better place"*



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Top: Cpt (Dr.) Paul Thistle receives honorary doctor of laws degree from University of Windsor Chancellor Dr. Edward C. Lumley; above: Cpt Thistle addresses the graduates

longer a word of shame." Education is the key in controlling the spread of HIV among young people. With that in mind, Howard Hospital is involved in outreach programs in schools, churches, places of employment and recreation. Staff strive toward the goal of providing accessible treatment for all who want it, so that individuals can be restored to full health and return to their communities as productive members of society.

Congratulating the graduates on their academic achievement, Captain Thistle encouraged them to keep growing in their pursuit of knowledge. He reminded them that education is lifelong and urged them to learn from the lessons of the past, embrace the challenges and opportunities of the present and continue learning as they set their sights on the future. "We

are all called to serve our communities wherever they may be," he commented. "Through our efforts the world will become a better place."

Captain Thistle expressed deep gratitude to his parents, who taught him the value of a hard day's work. He also thanked his wife, Captain Pedrinah Thistle, who teaches midwifery, perseverance and patience at Howard Hospital, and his sons James and Alexander, who "on numerous occasions have taught me how to pick up the pieces of life and move on with grace." He stated that we must always remain focused on our purpose, not our problems.

Following the ceremony, family, friends and guests were able to greet Captain Thistle and the other graduates while enjoying refreshments provided by the university alumni. 



Going Forth to Serve

God's Fellow Workers are commissioned as the territory's newest officers

by Major Ken Smith, Associate Editor, Salvationist

For the past two years, God has been shaping your heart so that it conforms to the heart of Jesus." With these words, Major Susan van Duinen, divisional commander, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Division, addressed the eight cadets of the God's Fellow Workers Session on the eve of their commissioning as Salvation Army officers. The occasion was a divisional salute in which Winnipeg Salvationists gathered to say farewell and express their appreciation for the cadets' ministry during their training period. Through word and song, representatives from various corps and social services took time to say "Thank you for giving to the Lord" as they told how the cadets had impacted their lives in significant ways. The Friday night event was the first of two public meetings that

took place during the annual commissioning weekend June 13-15.

On Saturday afternoon, a large congregation at Elim Chapel greeted the cadets as they slowly made their way into the sanctuary to the music of *My All Is On the Altar* by an ensemble from the Canadian Staff Band. After the exultant singing of *Crown Him With Many Crowns* and *We Are Standing on Holy Ground*, Dr. James Read, director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre, prayed God's blessing on the cadets as they responded to God's call and prepared to move out into ministry. Major Sandra Rice, principal, College for Officer Training, then presented the God's Fellow Workers Session, who responded by joining their fellow cadets from the Witnesses for Christ in singing their sessional song, written and conducted by Major Julie

Slous. This was followed in turn by the cadets' Declaration of Faith, led by the chief secretary, Lt-Colonel Donald Copple.

In his remarks, Commissioner William W. Francis, territorial commander, referred to the cadets as a "dangerous" people—dangerous because they would soon be unleashed to minister throughout the Canada and Bermuda Territory, battling evil and standing up for what is right as they worked with God to build his Kingdom. As each cadet knelt to be ordained and commissioned, family members and supporters in the congregation were asked to stand in solidarity and commitment. The commissioner shared a specific verse of Scripture with each new officer before Commissioner Marilyn D. Francis offered a prayer of dedication.

As the meeting moved into

a spirit of celebration, the new lieutenants marched in to salute the territorial commander, who proceeded to give them their first appointments. In between lively songs of praise and worship, Lieutenants Peter Lublink and Tina Dominaux shared their testimonies, thanking God for being with them during their time of training and sharing their excitement about going out to serve in his name. A timbrel presentation to the exhilarating music of *Shine Down* preceded the singing of *O Boundless Salvation*, followed in turn by a prayer of benediction by Major Jean Moulton, secretary for personnel. Family and friends then joined in an informal reception as they congratulated the new officers and wished them well as they embarked on a lifetime of ministry. ☺

For more pictures from this year's commissioning, visit Salvationist.ca



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Photos: 1. Cadet Amanda Swartz kneels in dedication as she is ordained by Commissioner William Francis, TC; 2. Congregation at Elim Chapel; 3. Sessional flag; 4. Lt Lynda Wakelin receives her first appointment; 5. A hug of celebration; 6. Cadet Peter Lublink enjoys a casual moment before the commissioning service; 7. Cadets Kim Bridge and Edi Matondo enter during the solemn processional; 8. God's Fellow Workers Session; 9. Cadets share some quiet moments before the service with Mjr Ray Harris, director of academic studies, CFOT, and Commissioner William Francis, TC



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Fair Trade coffee: Java with a jolt of conscience



Brewing Justice

by Doug Field

General Shaw Clifton has said that the quest for social justice “is in the DNA of The Salvation Army.”

But as the bad news continues unabated from many parts of the world, and in countries where fellow Salvationists are sharing the pain and suffering, we might be forgiven for feeling overwhelmed by the rampant extent of social injustice. Yes, we can respond to the now-frequent appeals for money for relief and aid operations, but it's impersonal at best and seemingly futile at worst.

It isn't made any better when we look at the labels on the clothing we wear. Regardless of the brand, the garment is almost invariably manufactured in a so-called Third-World country. The labour was compensated only pennies for making it and the working conditions were likely far below what would be tolerated in Canada. Such things as paid vacation, sick leave, maternity leave and a retirement plan are not part of the employer's business model. Yet who can afford to have clothing made-to-measure locally, because that would appear to be the only alternative.

There are instances where we do have a choice. For

example, for a few extra pennies, we can buy food products certified to have been produced in a system that gives the producer a fair return for her or his labour. One of the fastest growing of these is food stamped with the Fair Trade logo. Fair Trade products are only slowly beginning to show up on Canadian food-store shelves, although they are widely available in Europe and can be found in Canadian stores specializing in imported foods. (Recently I noticed that my favourite imported British

marmalade is made using Fair Trade sugar, and it's a major “high street” brand in the United Kingdom).

Doing the Right Thing

When it comes to buying Fair Trade food products, it should be enough to say, “It's the right thing to do,” but being right sometimes isn't easy or enough. That's certainly true of the litres of coffee many of us drink each month, at two dollars a cup. Lattés, cappuccinos and other fancy coffees can cost two or three times more. Coffee is the

second most expensive legally traded commodity in the world after oil, yet we don't give it a second thought.

Salvationists should be among the most sensitive of Canadians when it comes to caring about where our food is sourced. Most of the time, what we're drinking at home or in our favourite coffee shop is being sold at many times the price paid to the grower of the coffee beans. The average cup of coffee bought at one of the coffee chains benefits the grower only a few cents and, typically, that grower is either a poor farmer or a poorly paid labourer in an impoverished Third-World country. Much of the coffee produced by the big plantations is grown in sunlight on land that was a forest before it was clear-cut—and that's another issue.

Fair Trade farmers, on the other hand, typically produce shade-grown coffee at higher elevations on smaller farms. This makes for better working conditions and better coffee. Simply put, Fair Trade ensures that the grower of the product receives a fair price—a price that allows a family to live above the poverty line and

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A Nicaraguan man's hands show the stress of his labour, picking coffee berries at a Costa Rican plantation



A Fair Trade coffee farmer in Guatemala

beyond subsistence level.

In the U.K. and Europe, Fair Trade is right up there with the other purchasing options, and consumer pressure has forced major supermarkets to offer a full range of Fair Trade products. In Canada, that situation is still some way in the future.

For instance, until recently it was very difficult to find Fair Trade coffee in the major Canadian grocery chains and, when it was available, it was usually hidden away in the health food section. (Classifying coffee as a “health food” may be the ultimate oxymoron!) After some consumer prodding, several of the grocery chains are now displaying Fair Trade coffee with other coffees, allowing consumers to make informed decisions. (Some stores also display it in the organic food section, even though not all Fair Trade coffee can be certified organic.) Organic food stores such as Whole Foods do a better job, as does the fair-trading chain Ten Thousand Villages.

Of the major coffee shop chains, Starbucks has made the most noise about engaging in a form of fair trade with its suppliers, although the chain offers only one branded Fair

Trade coffee to brew at home, and you can’t buy a cup of Fair Trade coffee at Starbucks. Despite that, in a booklet called *Of Coffee & Community*, Starbucks claims: “We’re committed to seeing that farmers receive an equitable share of the purchase price we pay for the coffee they produce. By helping provide access to affordable credit and investing in coffee-growing community projects, we’re building the kind of long-term relationships that can ensure success both for coffee farmers and Starbucks.”

Making Informed Decisions

The whole question of fair compensation and sustainable development is now becoming a major political issue and will play a role in the forthcoming U.S. presidential election, as that country—and the rest of the world—comes to grips with the rising price of crude oil and looks for cheaper alternatives. The notion of diverting grain from food production to the production of ethanol seems to elevate perversion to a new level. In fact, a new definition of sin might be “Growing corn to feed SUVs.” Ask poor Mexicans what this

practice has already done to the price of flour for tortillas, their food staple.

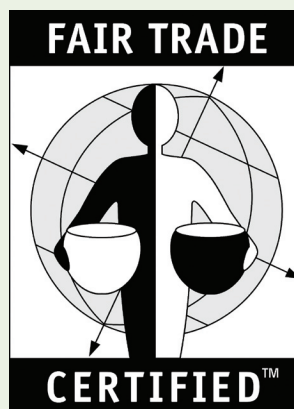
The diversion of crops from food to fuel is only one element in the alarming increase in the cost of food presently troubling politicians, economists and aid organizations around the world. North America’s increased consumption of red meat is also putting world food supplies at risk. Consider that it takes 3,682 litres of water and up to 10 kg of grain to produce 1 kg of finished beef.

This is where the frustration and a sense of helplessness sets in for the individual consumer. What to do? The best we can hope to do is inform ourselves and make decisions guided by our consciences and our ability to absorb the higher costs, which are involved in doing the right thing.

Social justice isn’t an abstract concept; it is possible to make informed decisions according to our conscience and faith. It is also wholly consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. *We are* responsible for each other. In our globalized world we cannot ignore the impact of our choices on people who live on the other side of the planet.

As for that coffee served before or after the Sunday morning meeting, despite the extra effort and cost involved, using Fair Trade coffee is the right thing to do. Why not make a start this week? It has to start somewhere, and serving Fair Trade coffee and other food products provides a direct benefit to the farmer who grew it and the labourer who picked it.

Try it. That cup of coffee will taste a whole lot better. ☿



Look for the Logo

Salvationists could make a difference immediately if every corps served Fair Trade coffee during fellowship hours and other social functions, and advertised the fact at the “point of sale.” Only those products with the Fair Trade logo seen here are guaranteed to be fairly traded.

There are several companies who supply Fair Trade coffee wholesale, including The Creemore Coffee Company (www.creemorecoffee.com) and The Ultimate Bean (www.theultimatebean.com). These companies not only supply several different coffees (as well as hot chocolate and teas), but co-operate with churches in packaging the product for fundraising, even providing packages stamped with the appropriate logo. For more ideas and a full list of companies, visit www.transfair.ca.

How Great Is

by Glenys Woodland
St John's Citadel, N.L.

Despite the cold, wet weather, the spirits and expectations of Newfoundlanders were not dampened as they arrived for the annual congress June 27-29 in the twin cities of St. John's and Mount Pearl. Delegates gave an enthusiastic welcome home to guests Commissioners Max and Lennie Feener, territorial leaders, U.S.A. Southern Territory, accompanied by Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis, territorial leaders for Canada and Bermuda.

A highlight of the weekend was the musical *How Great Is Our God* in the Friday evening welcome meeting, featuring an 80-voice choir, narrators and soloists. Video presentations throughout included personal testimonies to the greatness of God in real-life situations and how lives have been changed through the power of Christ. In



"People desperately need to see Jesus in our world today and it's up to us as Christians to lift him up"

— Commissioner Max Feener

Photos: Bob Riche

his message, based on Micah 7, Commissioner Max Feener spoke of the depths of divine wisdom, knowledge, grace and forgiveness. Afterwards, many knelt at the altar in surrender to this great and awesome God.

On Saturday, separate

women's and men's rallies attracted delegates who shared in fellowship and were blessed by inspirational music and messages from the Word.

The evening event focused on children and youth, and featured a wide variety of music including a youth band, chil-

dren's chorus, timbrellists, a dance group and *We Need Jesus*, a musical drama. In her message entitled *Extreme Living*, Commissioner Lennie Feener encouraged young people to make a difference in this generation by holding extremely strong beliefs, maintaining an



Our God


Newfoundland and Labrador Salvationists celebrate during annual provincial congress



extreme prayer life, taking an extreme stand and being an extreme witness.

Sunday morning featured music by St. John's Temple Band and the congress chorus, with songs and choruses led by the worship team. Soloist Perry Goulding sang *The Anchor Holds* and Ray Whalen of Clarendville shared what God is doing in his life. A beautiful moment came when Commissioner Marilyn Francis, on behalf of the General, presented Gold Stars to Ken and Elsie Bungay, parents of the late Colonel Roy Bungay who was promoted to Glory last year. In his message based on John 12:21, Commissioner Max Feener commented, "People desperately need to see Jesus in our world today and it's up to us as Christians to lift him up." During the time of prayer that followed, many knelt in commitment and dedication.

The Sunday evening evangelistic meeting featured music by St. John's Citadel Band and the Abbott Boys from St.

John's West. Inspiring testimonies were given by Glenda Barrow of Pathway Community Church and teenager Jonathan Hicks from Conception Bay South. Commissioner Lennie Feener preached from Psalm 103, stating that, like David, we are blessed to experience God's grace and forgiveness and must strive to praise him and make him supreme in our lives. Many responded to the invitation as prayers were answered and lives were changed. 

Photos: 1. Drummers in action; 2. Ken and Elsie Bungay are honoured with Gold Stars in honour of their late son, Col Roy Bungay, who was promoted to Glory in 2007. Making the presentation is Commissioner Marilyn Francis, TPWM, supported by Col Bungay's son, Cpt Rodney Bungay (left) and brother, Mjr Wayne Bungay; 3. Friday night musical; 4. Worship team; 5. Children's chorus; 6. Congress leaders, from left, Commissioners Marilyn and William Francis, Lennie and Max Feener





There's No Life Like It

Unlike any other career or vocation, Salvation Army officership allows you to impact lives for eternity

by **Captain Rachele Lamont**

Assistant Divisional Youth Secretary, Quebec Division, with responsibility for Montreal Inner-City Ministry

I didn't grow up dreaming about being a Salvation Army officer. In fact, I didn't even really know what The Salvation Army was. I grew up outside the Church and the only interaction I had with the Army was giving my loose change into the kettles at Christmastime.

That all changed during the summer I gave my life to Jesus at an Army meeting in Williams Lake, B.C. Later, in reading through the soldier preparation material, God spoke to me and told me that if I wanted to change the world and make an impact that would truly transform lives, then being a teacher in an elementary school wouldn't cut it. He had other things planned for me—things that were gift-wrapped in my becoming a Salvation Army officer.

Since doing that, some of my peers and the young people I've worked with have confided that they wouldn't mind being involved in full-time ministry, but not as officers. Many in my generation say there's no appeal and nothing attractive about it. Having been on both sides, I beg to differ. I am sold out on officership. Why? Let me tell you a story.

The last two Mondays of every month, I am involved in a feeding line. It's part of an Army ministry my husband and I are starting in downtown

Montreal. Here's what happens without fail each time we are there. I see people, rough and broken, standing in line for hours before the feeding van even gets there. Most of the time they wait, rain or shine, without talking to the person beside them, since they have adjusted to constantly living in isolation and not belonging to a community. They honestly feel that nobody wants them. I spend the whole time just


You can tell just by looking at her that something isn't quite right. In the inner city, incest and the resulting pregnancies are abnormally high. This little girl is probably the outcome of such a situation. She usually comes alone and stands by herself because the other kids can't be bothered with her. In her face and stance she looks utterly defeated. But remarkably, she blossoms and comes alive when you pay her some

ize them. They are beautiful people with amazing hopes and dreams. I get to be that person who believes in them when no one else does and introduce them to the Person who will make all their dreams come true.

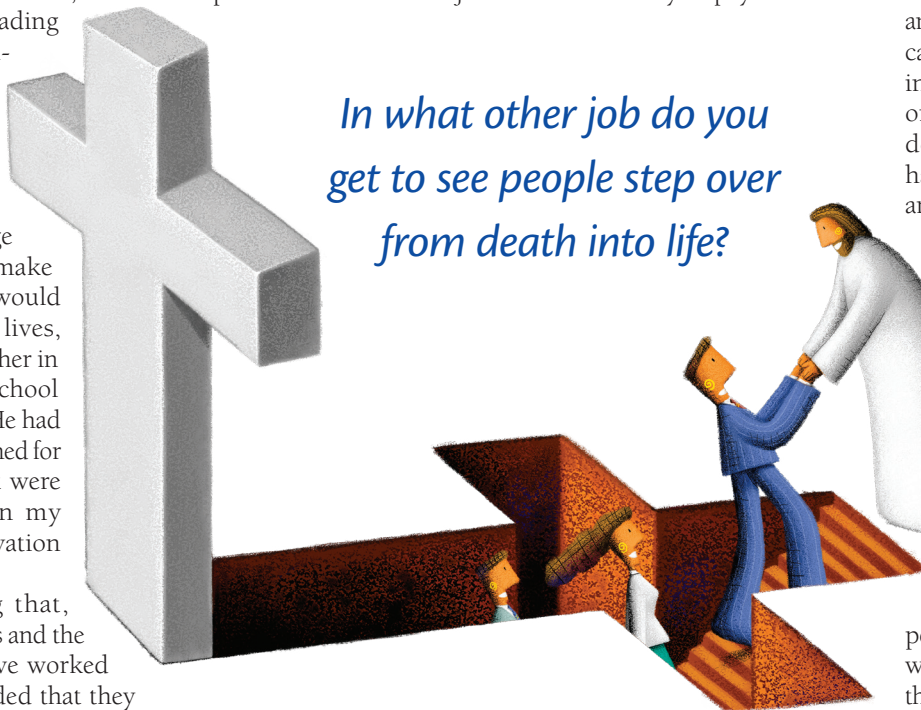
Many incredible things happen in this line. People rush there to tell us about their new job or where they are volunteering this week. They are eager to share their problems and be covered in prayer. They can't wait to help us by teaching us new words in French or translating something we don't understand. They are happy to get that hug hello and goodbye.

All of this doesn't stop after Monday nights. It spills over into the week as we cross paths with those who are looking for so much more than a handout.

I love officership because this is what serving God is about. In what

other role do you get to see people escape the prisons in which they have been living their whole lives? In what other job do you get to see people step over from death into life and get a front-row seat as God transforms them? How many other positions make salvation, freedom from sin and doing God's will their first priorities? What other role allows you to bless, love and build up those whom society would rather forget? How many other jobs allow you to represent and work full-time for the King of kings? Officership does. 

*In what other job do you
get to see people step over
from death into life?*



talking to these people. You should see their faces light up when you ask them their stories or about how their week has been. It's not just because you're giving them a needed handout, but because you're the one person who cares enough to listen to them while reminding them that they are loved and wanted by God.

One little girl shows up each time the van comes.

attention. You see, that's all this little girl wants—to be known and accepted unconditionally. She doesn't know it yet, but she's looking for Christ. I get to direct her to the Truth.

We have a lot of prostitutes that stand in line. I love seeing their faces when they realize that I just want to get to know them for who they are and come with no intent to further degrade or demoral-

Defining “Neighbour”

The significance of covenant in our relationships

Commissioner William W. Francis, Territorial Commander



Look at those autumn leaves. What a beautiful time of the year!” These are comments we often hear as we move through the fall season.

The season itself forges a renewed energy. With this freshness of spirit comes the anticipation of new relationships within our communities and ultimately a renewed relationship with God.

Our covenantal relationship has far-reaching implications. It is not solely about us and God, as vital as that connection is. Covenant is also about widening our relationship with others, reaching out to the world around us, addressing issues of social justice and caring for the marginalized of society.

The account of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) as paraphrased by Eugene Peterson in *The Message* subtitles the passage Defining “Neighbour.” In it, a religious scholar asks Jesus the burning question of the ages: “Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?”

Jesus responds with a question: “What’s written in God’s Law? How do you interpret it?”

The man appropriately quotes from Deuteronomy and Leviticus: “That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbour as well as you do yourself.”

Jesus commends the man for his correct answer, but the scholar inquires further. Looking for a loophole, he asks, “And just how would you define ‘neighbour?’ ”



We can, and we must, make a difference in the life of each person we meet

Jesus responds with the poignant parable of the Good Samaritan.

In the story, Jesus tells of a man who is assaulted and left naked by the side of the road to die. The story is told in such vivid detail that biblical scholars have long conjectured that Jesus himself was the man beaten and robbed on the steep, dangerous road from Jerusalem to Jericho. Religious leaders who are too busy, too caught up in their daily lives, pass him by. They don’t want to get dirty and no doubt feel a little above having

to deal with these wretched members of society. It is only a reviled Samaritan who stops and gives compassionate care to the stranger. “Which of the three,” Jesus questions, “became a neighbour to the man attacked by robbers?”

The expert in the law replies, “The one who treated him kindly.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do the same.”

God desires that we not only be in relationship with him, but also with those around us. He wants us to engage, impact and influ-

ence all with whom we come in contact. It is out of loyalty to Jesus—flowing from our covenant relationship with him—that we must share our hearts and lives with a suffering world.

We can, and we must, make a difference in the life of each person we meet, remembering that every person to whom we show kindness is our neighbour. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).

St. Augustine avowed, with perhaps a wry smile, “Love God, then do as you please.” You see, if we truly love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, we will love our neighbours as ourselves. It is divine cause and effect.

The covenant we make with God, and he with us, is foundational. We, in turn, pledge to do all possible, through God’s strength and grace, to reach out in love to others. This is possible because Christ alone is our guide and our daily strength. He is our Solid Rock:

*His oath, his covenant and
blood,
Support me in the ’whelming
flood;
When all around my soul gives
way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
(SASB 745)*

Jesus’ parting word to the religious scholar remains his admonition to his 21st-century followers: “Go and do the same” (Luke 10:37 *The Message*). S

... And Justice for All?

Does everyone deserve equal treatment? How do you champion human rights in a culture of entitlement?

In this Salvationist series, Captain Amy Reardon, Editor of Young Salvationist, U.S.A. National Headquarters, and Dr. James Read, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Ethics Centre in Winnipeg, dialogue about moral and ethical issues.

Dear Amy,

I really do have a great job. I get to do things I enjoy (like writing these letters to you), things I have some aptitude and education for and things that are important to me and to others. I'm blessed.

And you've just moved into a new appointment yourself, haven't you? I hope you're able to say that you're blessed, too.

Not everybody can say that about their jobs. I write this from an office not far from the site of a bloody and fatal confrontation about work that took place in 1919. The Winnipeg General Strike was a major moment in Canadian labour history. People take the right to unionize for granted now, but it wasn't always that way. Less than 100 years ago, working conditions could be brutal for the "ordinary Joe."

Unfortunately, work can be pretty dehumanizing for a lot of people still—even in Canada and the United States.

That gets me thinking about one part of my current work in particular. The Army has a new International Social Justice Commission (ISJC) and, since January, I've been assigned to spend half my time on ISJC work. It's great! I get to work with Commissioner Christine MacMillan and a talented team. I'm energized by new challenges. I like being on a steep learning curve.

One part of the ISJC's mandate is to be a connecting point between The Salvation Army and the United Nations. (I sat in the balcony of the General Assembly in June and listened to Ban Ki-Moon, the UN Secretary-General. I even have the phone-camera pictures to prove it!) Anyway, because of this, I have been boning up on the UN.

This year marks the 60th anniversary

of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I remember reading and studying it as a grad student, but it's only now that I have read a history of how the Declaration came to be. Mary Ann Glendon's *A World Made New* is worth the read.

The book's title comes from a line in a prayer Eleanor Roosevelt prayed every night: "Our Father, who has set a restlessness in our hearts and made us all seekers after that which we can never fully find, forbid us to be satisfied with what we make of life.... Keep us at tasks too hard for us that we may be driven to thee for strength.... Save us from ourselves and show us a vision of a world made new."

Isn't that a great prayer? Especially when you think of the challenge that Eleanor Roosevelt, John Humphrey (of McGill University in Montreal), Charles Malik (a Greek Orthodox Lebanese philosophy professor) and the others had in crafting the Declaration. The fallout of the Second World War meant governments around the world knew they had to denounce the immorality of treating people as the Nazis had treated Jews, homosexuals, those with disabilities and others. It also meant, however, that Palestinians were being evicted to make room for a Jewish state, India was freeing itself from Britain, Pakistan was freeing itself from India, the U.S.S.R. was blockading Berlin, and Cold War battle lines were being drawn. Getting international consensus was going to be very tough.

I have my own views about the Declaration, Amy, but at the moment I'd be interested in hearing what you think. Here are two questions you might help me with. The first is about "social justice." One part of the Declaration of Human Rights focuses on rights to life, liberty and personal security. Another focuses on political rights such as freedom of religion. Yet another focuses on economic, social and cultural rights—which is what many now call "social justice."

Some of what the Declaration says in this last section is just plain silly—I can't see that people have a fundamental human right to "periodic holidays with pay"—but

I don't write off the whole section, which includes a "right to work," for instance. Do you think meaningful work is something that people *deserve*? Is it something a just society has a responsibility to provide? Or are you and I simply lucky (or undeservedly blessed) to have good jobs?

My second question has to do with the whole notion of "human rights." I've become quite comfortable with "rights talk," but I know there are Christians who aren't. For one thing, they believe that encouraging people to assert their rights encourages them to become demanding and selfish. Have you heard leaders distressed by what they see as a "culture of entitlement" in our ranks? I have.

But the question goes deeper than that. Some Christians wonder whether the gospel and grace mean that there really are no such things as rights. If people have rights, then they have legitimate claims—they deserve to be treated in a certain way. But grace is unmerited favour. No one can have a claim on grace. And if the Christian revelation is that all is grace, then what room is there for rights? **Jim**

Dear Jim,

As I read your letter, one thought kept rolling around inside my head: humans are created in the image of God. We Christians tend to spend a good deal of time telling ourselves what worms we are. This is the legacy of important Christians of earlier generations, such as Martin Luther and Jonathan Edwards. But even though we believe we would be utterly helpless without God's grace, focusing on our unworthiness is not one of the hallmarks of our Wesleyan heritage. While remaining fully aware of our dependence upon God, we must be cognizant of our dignity as human beings.

The older I get and the more time I invest in reading my Bible, the more convinced I am that God holds us in high regard and, of course, demands that we

do the same of others. As Christians, we have been redeemed from any worm-like state and should rejoice in the fact that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (see Psalm 139:14). Psalm 8:4-6 says of humankind:

*What are mere mortals that you are
mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than
the heavenly beings
and crowned them with glory and
honour.
You made them rulers over the works of
your hands;
you put everything under their feet.*

on a regular basis. Proverbs has much to say against the lazy or slothful person. 1 Timothy 5:8 says that those who don't provide for their family members are worse than unbelievers. Theologian Miroslav Volf teaches that because God is a worker, and we are made in his image, we too are designed for work. And not just in this life—we will work in the world that is to come, too. (And enjoy it, I'm sure!)

With all this in mind, work is more than a God-given right—is a responsibility. Those who are capable of work but do not do it place an unnecessary burden upon others to care for them. Beyond that, they neglect their *imago Dei*. They deny their own dignity.

ents with hundreds of dollars worth of Christmas gifts for their children only to have them tell me my efforts weren't good enough. This made me angry, since I had also seen loving, good people spend their own money to buy the gifts for these strangers.

You are dead right when you speak of the frustration of this “culture of entitlement.” No one deserves God's grace. Yet, amazingly, God has granted his grace even to the selfish and lazy. And he has granted the right to all who receive him to be called the “children of God” (see 1 John 3:1). Moreover, he considered the human race worthy of redemption—worthy to the point of sending his own Son. The worthi-

ness God has granted means that each human has a right to the basic necessities of life.

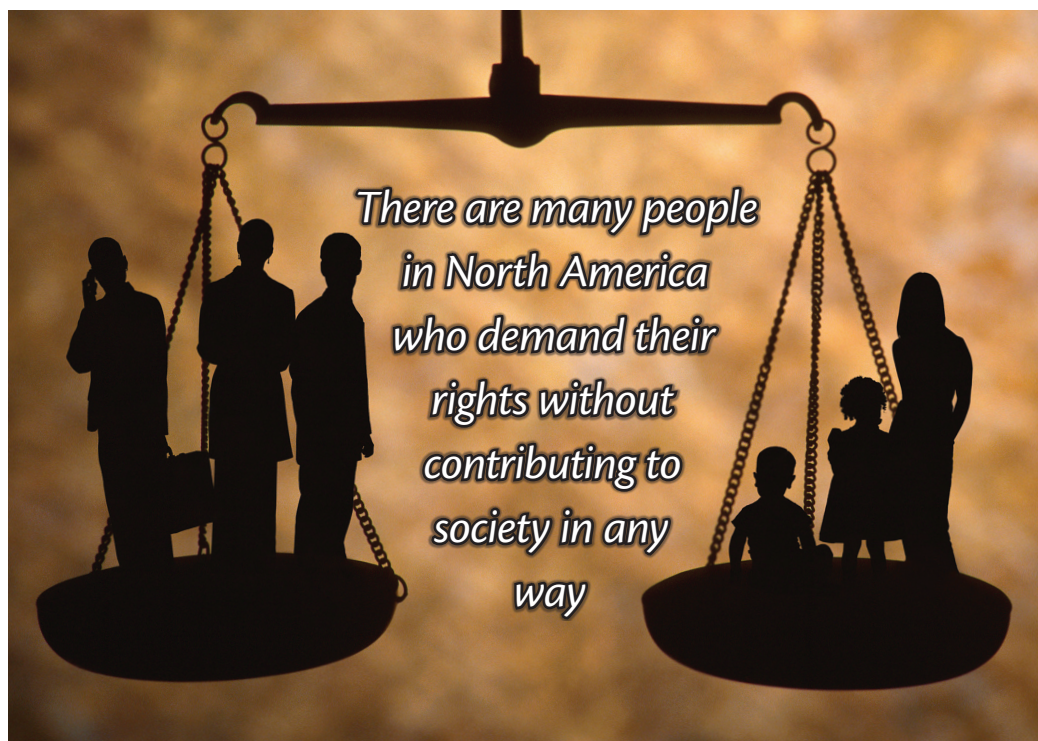
There are people in our society with legitimate life needs that are being overlooked. Ideally, we would all be more concerned about the rights of others than our own. If this were so, every need would be met, in love, without resentment. Though it may not be the norm, there are many selfless people in the world who do fight for the rights of those whose needs are being ignored. And for Christians, it isn't really an option. Consider Romans 12:10: “Honour one another above yourselves.” Or consider the minor prophets, who practically scream at the people of Israel to practise *tsedaqah*—righteousness or fairness for everyone. Look at the book of James. Or the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25:31-46.

The burden for human rights isn't upon the victimized. It is upon any person with the political freedom to act.

As an American, I'm fortunate to live under a constitution that declares that certain rights were granted to us by our Creator, including life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But it took more than 100 years before these rights were extended to women and even longer before they were extended to African-Americans.

If indeed all of us were made in his image, Jim, we all have dignity. We all deserve to live, be free, worship, create and work just like our Maker. And if those rights aren't being extended to all, we have the right—no, the obligation—to work for change.

Amy S



Scholars suggest the more correct translation is “a little lower than God,” not “heavenly beings.” Pretty lofty stuff. That would be my theological bent, and I use it as a backdrop for my views on social justice and human rights. I wouldn't use Bible verses to attempt to persuade a secular authority, but any public voice I might exercise is given breath through what I understand of God.

God has not only commanded us to work, he models it for us. It began in Genesis when God worked on six days and rested on the seventh. Later, he instructed his people to follow that model (see Deuteronomy 5:12-15). I don't think we are beholden to work six days of every week, but I think that God expects every physically capable person to work

In terms of human rights, no one can deny the desperate need of the starving children that charities display on TV. But in North America, people often romanticize those who live in poverty. They seem to feel that everyone who has less than they have is downtrodden.

Any such notion was quickly shattered when I began my career as an officer. There are many people in North America who demand their rights without contributing to society in any way. They don't wish to work, but they wish to consume. These people are remarkably difficult to work with.

As a corps officer, I've had people storm into my office demanding their rights—from a non-governmental organization, mind you! I have supplied par-



Offering a Hand Up

Children and families benefit from The Salvation Army's ongoing ministry in Calgary

by Bethany Wall and Rizwan Nathoo

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Life doesn't often turn out how we expect it to. This can be especially true for parents trying to raise a young family. Imagine each of the following situations:

Having recently immigrated to Canada with your family, you find yourself unable to pay an unusually high heating bill.

As a single mom, you have to tell your children there will be no Christmas presents this year.

As a new parent, you reflect on the poor parenting you experienced growing up and want to make sure you give your child a better experience.

As each of these situations is unique, so too are the stories of each family involved in The Salvation Army's child and family

services ministry in Calgary. But there are also similarities. Feelings of fear and doubt are pervasive. Uncertainty of where to turn and embarrassment at needing help are often present. Those who come to The Salvation Army find compassion, understanding and practical support for their children and the entire family.

A family is much more than a group of individuals living under the same roof. A healthy family is one that encourages and motivates its members to achieve their full potential. At its best, it is a loving support group where individual personalities flourish and sound morals are taught. It is the foundation of our society.

Though each family has the potential to raise children who are healthy and happy, many children grow up to be neither of these. Many children and families face challenges such as severe and chronic poverty, little or no parenting skills and ongoing health and education concerns.

Changing With the Times

The Salvation Army has a long history of responding to families in crisis. One hundred years ago, in 1908, Salvation Army officers in Calgary noticed an increasing number of children whose parents were unable to care for them or who had been abandoned. In response to this heartbreaking trend, a children's home was opened. Initially it was just big enough to accommodate nine children, but over the next 12 years, a number of moves to larger buildings were necessary to accommodate the growing need for this type of care.

Eventually, thanks to a large donation of land outside the city, a facility opened that could house 107 children and five Salvation Army officers. Residents were able to farm their own food and were largely self-sufficient.

During the Great Depression in the 1930s, the need continued to grow and The Salvation Army eventually became the pri-

mary caregiver for 130 children. Following the Second World War, it became evident that more children were struggling with issues of emotional and mental instability, so the Army again changed its approach to minister to those needs.

In the early 1960s, smaller group homes were developed that allowed for more individualized care. Staff worked toward the goal of eventually placing the children in foster homes where they would be loved and nurtured. The Children's Village, as it was then known, became a short-term residential treatment centre where children could stay until they were able to return to their normal setting. This led to the opening of a small school for students who lived on-site.

As the years rolled by, new methods were developed and various other services were provided as The Salvation Army worked with other funding partners who wanted to make a significant and lasting difference in families struggling to build better futures.

Adapting to New Needs

In more recent years, the Army's ministry evolved yet again. Thus began the work of the Pregnant and Parenting Support Centre, the Healthy Families Program and Community Support Services.

The Pregnant and Parenting Support Program, open to expectant parents and those already with children, assists new and established families to move from being dysfunctional to functional. Parents develop childrearing skills and basic knowledge related to childhood development. This is made possible by providing emotional support, counselling, parenting groups, workshops or simply the opportunity to socialize and share information with other parents. At the same time, the program helps enhance their understanding of family management skills, encour-

aging responsible and healthy choices.

Delivered through in-home support for at-risk families with newborn babies, the Healthy Families Program emphasizes family functioning, child development and access to community support and resources. It instills confidence in parents and encourages appropriate growth for children. Families are often referred to The Salvation Army from a public health nurse or their family doctor.

Whether in need of assistance with

The Salvation Army will always be available to work with families and children, giving hope to those who need it most

utilities, rent, food, clothing, income tax preparation, Christmas presents or infant essentials, Community Support Services offers families a hand up. There are back-to-school supplies in September and kids' winter coats when it's cold. At Christmastime, there are individually chosen gifts for more than 2,000 families every year. In addition, children who have never gone to summer camp are given the opportunity of attending The Salvation Army's Pine Lake Camp for one week. As each family seeks support, staff meet with them to determine their level of need, then work to meet that need accordingly.

Addressing Real Concerns


Stress due to financial concerns, poor health, marital problems or a wide range of other factors can have a huge impact on the entire family. Staff at The Salvation Army's

child and family services understand the many concerns families face today and offer services designed to meet individuals at their point of need. They work alongside parents and children, helping them build skills that will be with them for the rest of their lives.

Statistics demonstrate that families find the support extremely helpful. The majority who use the Army's services successfully reach the point where they no longer require assistance. It is these success stories that keep the program staff motivated.

Over the past 100 years, The Salvation Army's child and family services have offered a way to support growth and strength in children and their families. Programs have evolved in response to community needs and to meet codes of best practice in the social-services field. Today, each unique ministry works to alleviate other symptoms of poverty and dysfunction and prevent homelessness among those who are most vulnerable.

Almost everyone who has raised a child understands that sometimes families need support as they work to give their children the strength, knowledge and character they will need to survive and be the best that they can be.

The Salvation Army will always be available to work with families and children who are in need. Whether it's fighting to prevent homelessness, keep families together or teach new skills, the Army's ongoing ministry in Calgary will continue giving hope today—and every day—to those who need it most. 

Left page: A family volunteers at the Christmas assistance warehouse; bottom left: Mothers often bring their children to the drop-in times at the Pregnant and Parenting Support Centre; bottom right: Campers at Pine Lake Camp are provided three nutritious meals each day





In anticipation of
Symposium 2008,
Salvationists across the
territory take stock of
how the Army is fulfilling
its mission in their local
communities

Mapping a New Direction

Part Four

At the 2005 territorial symposium, five key issues were identified as being a priority for further action and discussion: 1. Salvation Army Identity; 2. Interacting with Current Culture; 3. Authority, Formal Relationships and Partners; 4. Discipleship and Spiritual Growth; and 5. Leadership in Organizational Change. In preparation for Symposium 2008, Salvationist is publishing comments from former delegates on how these issues are being worked out in their local situation. This month:

Discipleship and Spiritual Growth

How is the Army following through with nurturing disciples and promoting spiritual growth? Are there specific steps that have been put in place and, if so, what are the results? Are soldiers and adherents growing in their faith?

Currently, we have an in-depth weekly Bible study that is primarily designed to nurture disciples and promote spiritual growth in adults. There is also a women's Bible study and a variety of groups for young people to offer spiritual nourishment and help them grow in their faith.

Howard Bridger
Triton, N.L. W Div

Over the years we have used numerous discipleship programs. Each individual learns and grasps things differently, so we are constantly adapting to try to meet people's needs. One initiative that has been extremely helpful has been the *Life Journal*, a daily reading plan that helps you read through the Bible in a year. From

each day's reading, you choose a verse that specifically speaks to you, then follow the acronym SOAP: First you write down the verse (Scripture), then what you have observed in that verse (Observation), how it can be applied to your life (Application) and finally, a Prayer. Through this process, we have seen the members of our congregation diving into the Word daily and lives are being changed.

Darryl Burry
Kelowna CC, B.C. Div

*"While sitting around a
campfire we dialogue
about God, The
Salvation Army and
what it means to follow
Jesus"*

Our corps is following through with nurturing disciples through offering sessions on prayer and bereavement. This new focus is very much welcomed.

Karen Butler
London Citadel, Ont. GL Div

We are still working on this area and we will never stop working to promote spiritual growth. Currently we run two vans that pick up children for Sunday school each week and we are starting to get involved with some of the parents.

Three times a year we have youth Sundays in which we involve the children in our morning worship service and invite the parents. Our Bible studies include groups for men, women and seniors, as well as young people between the ages of seven and 30. We envision holding a family Bible study night whereby we can combine some of these activities by having them on the same evening. Fostering spiritual growth is important for our congregation as a whole, but it must start in individual hearts and lives. We also encourage our people to attend local events organized by the Army or other Christian groups. By participating in such experiences, both inside the church and as the larger body of Christ, people have the opportunity to grow spiritually.

Glenna Cryderman
Saskatoon Temple,
Prairie & Northern Ttys Div

We currently have three small-group studies in session. We are encouraged by the evidence of spiritual growth among the participants.

Captain Carson Decker
Former CO, Sackville,
N.S., Maritime Div

To be honest, nurturing disciples and promoting spiritual growth is one of our greatest struggles. When students in our CrossZone program were asked what it meant to be a Christian, their response was, "You don't drink, you don't smoke and you go to church." For many in our corps, this seems to be their only concept of living the Christian life, perhaps because they were never taught anything else. We

have lots of families in our congregation but it's a constant struggle to find leaders, especially for our youth programs. Bible reading, prayer and personal devotional time are essential to spiritual growth, but these aren't being emphasized as much as they could or should be. I'm hoping that this important issue of nurturing disciples and promoting spiritual growth will be further addressed at this year's symposium, as it is so essential to our future as an Army and as members of the body of Christ.

Cherie Green
Gander, N.L. W Div

Being such a small group, we have been promoting spiritual growth mostly through teaching from the pulpit and in Bible studies, as well as through one-to-one informal chats. People are growing in their faith as they allow God to work in their hearts and in our corps as a whole.

Captain Bonita Hebert
Église Communautaire de l'Outaouais,
Gatineau, Quebec Div

Discipleship is an ongoing battle. We offer weekly Bible studies and try to encourage more of our people to attend, stressing the need to place a priority on spiritual health and less on the busyness of life. We also have a Welcome to The Salvation Army class that introduces new people to spiritual disciplines early.

Captain Dora Keeping
Wyndfield CC, Brantford, Ont. GL Div

We run weekly Bible studies for existing corps members as well as an Alpha course for newcomers. Our youth outreach program is now using material that is geared to helping young people grow in their faith. Teenagers have a junior leadership group that meets weekly to look at Jesus' style of leadership and what it means to be a leader. They practise what they learn by helping run a kids' club every Thursday night. We would love to do even more if we had the personnel and resources.

Captain Jennifer Loner
Swift Current, Sask.,
Prairie & Northern Tys Div

Through the various ministries at St. Albert, strong relationships are being formed that increase the desire of

our people to meet together, whether on Sundays or during small-group activities during the week. Soldiers and adherents are growing in their faith. It is such a privilege to witness people getting excited and hungering to know Jesus on a deeper level.

Captain Tiffany Marshall
Formerly of St. Albert Church and
Community Centre,
Alta., Prairie & Northern Tys Div

The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda



OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 2

Salvationists continue to engage in conversation to discover God's design for a mission-driven Salvation Army. Watch for further details

At North Street Citadel, we have a shepherding program, Sunday school, youth group, weekly Bible studies and soldiery classes. There has been recent growth in the numbers attending Bible study, our seniors program and the adult drop-in centre. As people listen and participate in the various discussions that arise, there is definite spiritual growth. Our corps officers also contribute a great deal to nurturing the congregation in their faith.

Rosemary Phillips
North Street Citadel,
Hamilton, Bermuda

At St. John's Temple, we've made a conscious effort to encourage small-group Bible studies. Our efforts have spawned two new groups and we believe we'll see even more in the days to come. Our young people are leading the way in spiritual growth, setting an example for the rest of the congregation. Their spiritual maturity is a testament to the good work and positive impact of our youth pastor. I believe having such a dedicated person to minister to our youth is essential to the spiritual welfare of any growing corps. In recent years, there have been numerous young people enrolled as soldiers along with many new families who have joined our church. We continue to reach out to them and encourage their spiritual growth, but finding the right plan or program is difficult. For more than 20 years, our corps

has sponsored a family retreat on Labour Day weekend. It's a tremendous opportunity to relax and get to know other families. More importantly, it's a time of spiritual challenge and a springboard for launching another year of programs and activities. The retreat has also played a significant role in bringing new families into a fuller fellowship, as it offers a non-threatening environment that fosters many spiritual conversations and much questioning.

Arlene Riche
St. John's Temple,
N.L. E Div

In the spring and the fall, we have used *Salvation Story*, the Army's Handbook of Doctrine, as a means of sharing who we are with any and all who come. While sitting around a campfire with a Bible in one hand and the workbook in the other, we dialogue about God and

The Salvation Army and what it means to follow Jesus in this way. This approach has yielded new soldiers and adherents and, better yet, people who want to be a part of a Bible study and learn more about God's Word. The interaction and relationship building has inspired a new passion for the Holy Spirit and we are now looking for new Bible study leaders to meet the demand of those wanting to grow in their Christian experience.

Captain Ron Wickens
Former CO, Fenelon Falls, Ont. CE Div

Advancing the Mission



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For Better or For Worse

Conflict in marriage can be healthy, if you know how to handle it

by Major Bob Armstrong, Corps Officer, The Willows—A Community Church of The Salvation Army, Langley, B.C.

In their pre-marriage counselling, a young bride-to-be boasted that she and her fiancé had been going out for two years and had never quarrelled. “If a difference of opinion arises and I’m right,” she said, “my fiancé gives in.”

“And what if he’s right?” asked the counsellor.

“Oh,” she responded. “That’s never happened!”

If we are going to experience authentic, healthy relationships in our family lives, we must face the fact that, unlike the bride-to-be, we will all face conflict. The Apostle Paul acknowledges that we will experience anger, but he also says that we are responsible for what we do with it: “In your anger do not sin” (Ephesians 4:26).

In some households, family conflict may lead to healthy dialogue and compromise. For others, it means shouting, screaming, name-calling, threats or even physical violence. How can we avoid these hurtful behaviours and turn conflict into something constructive?

Here are tips to healthy conflict resolution as found in Denise Van Eck’s article *The Conversation You Dread* (Leadership, Fall 2004), and my own *Couple Care Pre-Marriage Manual*:

Identify the issue. Stop long enough to get in touch with what has pushed your buttons. Because anger can appear in a split second we often miss the hurt behind it.

Clarify your intentions. Is your goal to set him straight? Get your way? These one-sided expectations will not lead to positive results. Instead of seeing confrontation as a way to “fix” someone, try seeing it as an opportunity for everyone to grow.

Begin with empathy. When preparing for a difficult conversation, ask yourself: “Can I put myself in her shoes for a moment?” By taking a moment to see the other side of the situation, you can avoid the heat of anger.

Choose the right time. Make sure you can both give your undivided attention



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to the issue. If needed, dismiss yourself respectfully by saying something like, “I am so angry right now that I am afraid I might say something I regret. Let’s discuss this after I cool down a bit.” Return to the issue soon. Tomorrow is too late. Set the time and honour it.

Hold up the mirror. Get real with yourself. How have you contributed to this argument? Are you bringing any of your own issues into it? Is the person you are confronting exhibiting behaviour that you struggle with yourself? Practise humility by taking responsibility for your contribution to the conflict. Own up before you show up.

Affirm the relationship. Remind each other that you are attacking an issue,

not the person. Say things like: “We are in this together” and “We care enough about our relationship to work through this difficult issue.”

Take turns sharing your views. While one talks, the other listens. Interruptions should not be permitted unless clarification is needed. Use “I” statements such as “I feel like ...” to shift the emphasis off blaming, which can easily result in defensiveness.

Reflect the other perspective. Being a listener can be hard work. Often we can be thinking ahead to our response or wanting to interrupt to make our point known. Listen carefully and then restate the other person’s argument to show you have listened and know where she is coming from.

Brainstorm together. List some solutions that can be applied to the situation. Working together requires both parties to give up the need to “win.” The goal is to find a solution that works while keeping the harmony of the relationship intact.

Practise forgiveness. Holding on to resentment is like a tug of war. Two people are pulling different ends of the rope, but when one lets go, the war is over. Forgiveness is a choice that brings peace and contentment.

Move on. Once the issue has been resolved, agree to put it to rest. You may not be able to forget about it and you may feel the lingering hurt, but you can determine not to visit the issue again. Bringing up past hurts that have already been dealt with is like tearing scabs off healing wounds.

Trust the Holy Spirit. It’s tempting to feel that it’s all up to you to get the issues solved. The truth is you can’t control what another person thinks, feels or believes. You can bring truth and love, but it is the Spirit of God who changes a person’s heart. S

Are you conflict phobic? An emotional perfectionist? A mind-reader? Go to Salvationist.ca website to read the article “Ten attitudes that keep you from expressing your feelings”

All Apologies

How do we teach our children the importance of saying “I’m sorry”?

by Major Kathie Chiu

Corps Officer and Executive Director of The Caring Place Ministries, Mountain View Community Church, Maple Ridge, B.C.

It had been a difficult day at work and I was trying to relax for a few minutes before supper. Suddenly from the other room I heard my son, Evan: “Mom, Nathan took my Lego airplane!”

“No, I didn’t, you liar. You gave it to me,” Nathan shot back.

“You two, stop bickering!” I said.

“But Evan called me a %\$#&!” shouted Nathan.

Evan was gone like a shot. He knew he was in big trouble. I went chasing after him and, resisting the soap-in-mouth reaction, brought the two boys together to find out what was really going on. After we sorted it out, I said, “Nathan, you need to apologize to your brother for calling him a liar.”

“OK. Sorry,” he said.

row? These are all reasons why someone might be led to say or do something harmful to themselves or to others. However, it doesn’t excuse us from following the teachings of Jesus if we call ourselves Christians.

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it scrunched up and tears began to fall as she ran sobbing over to her mom. Tristan’s mom brought him over. “Look, Tristan, you made Madison cry,” she said. “Tell her you’re sorry.”

Tristan looked at her and his face showed such concern. “I’m sorry,” he said. It was like magic. Madison’s crying slowed to a stop and she looked at the little boy.


“Show Madison you can be gentle,” instructed his mom, and Tristan, ever so gently, put his hand up and stroked her face. The healing began.

Doing What’s Right

Pain and hurt are part of the journey of life. Some people are broken and scarred by it. Others seem to handle it better. However, part of the human journey is learning to recognize when we’ve hurt others and being able to make things right.

Nathan was right. Evan was still angry at his brother. And Madison remains a little wary of Tristan. What can we do to make our kids understand the hurt they cause others? How do we teach them the importance of apologizing and making things right for those they hurt? It’s a battle all parents face. Here are some suggestions that might help you help them:

1. Talk to your child about what they did and how it was wrong.
2. Help them understand how the other person feels by asking them how they would feel if the situation was reversed.
3. Have them apologize (naming what they did and admitting it was wrong) and ask for forgiveness.
4. Take the lead and pray with both children.

As parents, we should be modelling this kind of behaviour by acknowledging our own mistakes and bad choices. When we’ve let loose with a loud voice at our children, we should apologize. When we argue or say hurtful things to our spouse, we should apologize and make sure our children see and hear this. Our lives should reflect an “others-centred” lifestyle. This is one of the most important gifts we can give our children. 



“Now, Evan, what you said is totally unacceptable. You need to apologize for calling Nathan that horrible name.”

“Sorry,” he said in a pout.

Nathan looked at me and said disgustingly, “Mom, he doesn’t really mean it.”

Who’s Sorry Now?

Apologies are difficult to navigate. What if I’m not really sorry? What if I’m angry? What if something happened to me and I’m only acting out of deep pain and sor-

“This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters,” he said. “If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God” (Matthew 5:23-24 *The Message*).

These words clarify our responsibility. They tell us to make things right if someone has something against us.

The other day I watched four-year-old Madison. She was playing with a little boy named Tristan when suddenly he hit her. First her face registered shock, then

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Prayer Warriors Session 2008-2010

Brent and Melissa Haas

La Scie, N.L. W Div

Not long after I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour at age six, I realized that he had a special plan and purpose for my life. As I grew in years, my love for Christ deepened along with my desire to serve him through The Salvation Army. I now respond to his call, confident that he will equip me for the journey ahead as I seek to fulfil his will for my life. My only hope is that he will use me as his instrument to "save souls, grow saints and serve suffering humanity."—*Brent*



Though born into a Christian home and raised in the Army, as a teenager I struggled with God's call on my life. Now that I have accepted his will, I am looking forward to being a "Prayer Warrior" for him. There will be challenges, but I rely on his promise that "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6). The Lord who calls will also equip, and I am ready to be used in whatever way he leads.—*Melissa*

Jeff and Graciela Arkell

Orillia, Ont. N Div

Since my late teens I have felt the Holy Spirit nudging me toward Salvation Army officership. Despite challenges along the way, I'm grateful that the Lord has opened doors to make this possible. I believe that I have been called to plant the seeds of the gospel (evangelize), tend the garden (grow disciples) and serve and equip others for service. As I say yes to God's will, I pray that he will use me as his servant to fulfil the tasks he has given me to do.—*Jeff*



Born in a Christian home to officer parents, I became a Christian at a young age and participated in all the usual Army activities. I realize now that these were only a step in my journey and all the while God has been preparing me for his purpose. Convinced of God's call on my life, I decided to use the abilities he has given me in full-time ministry. Just as the potter forms the clay, I will allow him to mould me to his likeness and use me for his purpose.—*Graciela*

Kristen Gray

Erin Mills, Mississauga, Ont. CE Div

Born and raised in the Army, I first felt God calling me to officership in my late teens. Regrettably, I wandered away from the Lord and soon found myself trying to get through life without him. Thankfully, I serve a loving Saviour who never left me or gave up on me. A few years ago I returned to the Army following a difficult transition in my life. As I prepare to enter training, I cling to his words in Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."



Fred and Carolyn Reid

St. John's Citadel, N.L. E Div, and Port Macquarie, North N.S.W. Div, Australia Eastern Tty

In Proverbs 16:9 we read, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps" (NIV). This verse perfectly describes my life journey. Growing up in rural Newfoundland, I was quite active in my corps and many people told me, "You're going to be an officer." Realizing this was indeed God's plan for my life, I began "planning my course" for training college. But along the way things happened that I never expected. I got married, then spent a year in Port Macquarie, Australia—a wonderful experience I'll never forget. As I now prepare to enter CFOT, I know God will continue to guide me each step of the way.—*Fred*



In recent years God has been preparing my heart for officership. I've been blessed with a loving husband who shares my devotion to Christ and passion for ministry. God brought us together and has been teaching and guiding us throughout our journey to training college. I've learned to trust fully in him, since he is righteous and faithful. Wherever our future ministry might take us, I will go in God's grace. I will reach out and hold fast to God's promises, knowing, as he has always proved, that his grace is sufficient for me.—*Carolyn*

Please remember these and other members of the new session in your prayers in coming days: Cadets Phillip and Kathryn Blindenbach, David and Nyree Bond, Lorri-Anne Butler, Larry and Rose Campbell, Kevin and Michelle Elsasser, Wayne and Elizabeth Knight, André Pardy

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RECOGNITION

Youthful Graduates



WHITBY, ONT.—Graduate corps cadets Heather Blair and Llashe-Kay Everett of Whitby CC are congratulated by CCC Carolyn Kitney and Mjrs Ivan and Pauline Budgell, COs



MORETON'S HARBOUR, N.L.—Graduate corps cadets Jessica Jenkins, Ashley Jenkins and Natasha Canning of Clarence Wiseman Central Corps are shown with CCC Gloria Rideout and Cpt Chris Pilgrim, CO

Local Leadership Strengthened



TORONTO—Annette Richardson is commissioned as the new CCMS at West Hill CC. Supporting her are CSM Roland Blake, left, and Mjrs Beryl and Calvin Collins, COs

DILDO, N.L.—Cora Smith is commissioned as JSS of Trinity Bay South during 115th anniversary celebrations. Supporting Cora, from left, are

Mjr Shawn Critch, former DSBA, N.L. E Div; Mjrs Maurice and Marilyn Blackler, COs; Mjr Brenda Critch, former DROS, N.L. E Div



Faithful Service

CALGARY—Honorary CCM member Joanne Wright receives a certificate of appreciation for more than 30 years of dedicated community care ministry at Glenmore Temple. From left, Col William Ratcliffe, pastoral care officer; CCMS Mjr Margaret MacKenzie; Joanne Wright; Mjrs Genevera and Eddie Vincent, COs



CORNER BROOK, N.L.—Mjr Robert Kean, CO, Corner Brook Citadel, presents Wayne Ash with his commission as property sergeant. Looking on are Mjr Cassie Kean, CO, and CSM Mona West



GAZETTE

TERRITORIAL

Transfer from Caribbean Tty

Lt-Cols Raphael/Winsome Mason

Change of rank to auxiliary-captain

Lts Ram/Linda Farr, Randy/Diane Kirby, Alain Suamunu-Luas/Alice Ludiazio-Nsona, Sandra Ross

Appointments

Mjr Eileen Butler-Caughie, director of family tracing, Toronto (additional responsibility), Ont. CE Div; Mjr Fred Butler-Caughie, chaplain, Toronto CJS, Ont. CE Div; Mjrs Philip/Beverley Franco, Vernon CC, B.C. Div; Cpt Orest Goyak, in training and director of support services (designaton change), Toronto Harbour Light, Ont. CE Div; Mjrs Patrick/Julie March, Moncton Citadel CC, N.B., Maritime Div; Mjr Julie March, corps community services co-ordinator (additional responsibility), Moncton Citadel CC, N.B., Maritime Div; Lt-Cols Raphael/Winsome Mason, territorial multicultural ministries secretary and assistant territorial multicultural ministries secretary, THQ corps ministries; Mjr Kevin Metcalf, executive officer, Canadian Staff Band (additional responsibility); Mjrs Warrick/Lucy Pilgrim, Stratford CC, Ont. GL Div (pro tem); Cpt Catherine Skillin,

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Promoted to Glory

Mjr Phyllis McCrea, from Toronto, Jun 7; Mjr Miriam Mills, from Toronto, Jun 17; Mrs. Brg Elsie Jarrett, from Niagara Falls, Ont., Jul 10;

Mjr Alexander MacMillan, from Essex, Ont., Jul 11

CALENDAR

Commissioners William and Marilyn Francis

Sep 7-8 Maritime Div; Sep 13-14 cadets' welcome weekend, Winnipeg; Sep 16 DSBA's conference, THQ; Sep 18 retired officers' league, Woodstock, Ont. GL Div*; Sep 21 Korean CC, Toronto, Ont. CE Div; Sep 26-28 Ont. GL Div; Sep 29-Oct 1 Bermuda Div; Oct 2-9 International Doctrine Council, Sunbury Court, London, England**

*Comr Marilyn Francis only; **Comr William Francis only

Lt-Colonels Donald and Ann Copple

Sep 3-5 women's conference, Man. & N.W. Ont. Div*; Sep 11-12 Ethics Centre board meeting, Winnipeg*; Sep 15-19 IHQ, London, England; Sep 26-27 WCBC board of trustees, Winnipeg*; Sep 27 women's rally, New Liskeard, Ont.*

*Lt-Col Ann Copple only; **Lt-Col Donald Copple only

General and Mrs. Bramwell H. Tillsley (Rtd)

Oct 19 Brengle Institute, JPCC

Canadian Staff Band

Oct 4-5 Lion's Head/Owen Sound/Wiarton, Ont.

ENROLMENT

New Strength for God's Army

WHITBY, ONT.—Mjrs Ivan and Pauline Budgell, COs, welcome new adherents at Whitby CC. From left, Marcus Emberley, Cassandra Proskin, Marion Winters, Joyce Michaelis, Dianne Green, Larry Michaelis, Francis Flynn



BRAMPTON, ONT.—Ananda and Varsha Christian, with daughter Annie and son Andy, are enrolled as soldiers by Mjrs Bert and Kathie Sharp, COs. Originally from India, the family moved to Brampton in

the past year and found a new church home at The Salvation Army

DILDO, N.L.—New soldiers are welcomed at Trinity Bay South during 115th anniversary celebrations. Front row, from left, Irene Williams, Vanessa Higdon, Marjorie Vokey, Harry Cranford. Back row, Mjr Shawn Critch, former DSBA, N.L. E Div; Mjrs Maurice and Marilyn Blackler, COs; Mjr Brenda Critch, former DROS, N.L. E Div



PENTICTON, B.C.—Mjrs Maurice and Dianne Davis, COs, welcome three new adherents and one new soldier. From left, Dorian Poloway, Ann Rusk, Frieda Baker, Fred Baker

GRAND BANK, N.L.—Three new soldiers are enrolled by Mjrs Frank and Rita Pittman, former COs. From left, Doris Price, Michael Pittman, Jennifer Savoury



GRAND FALLS-WINDSOR, N.L.—Cpts Morris and Wanda Vincent, COs, Grand Falls Citadel, welcome eight new soldiers and one new adherent.

From left, Katie Spooner (adherent), Daniel Kelly, Jordan Wight, Josh Andrews, Norma Simms, Allison Wiseman, Nolan Simms, Jerry Loveless, Rebekah Wiseman

TRIBUTE



SARNIA, Ont.—Born in 1914, **Dorothy Cameron Houlbrook (nee Duncan)** was a faithful soldier over many years and was actively involved in many corps activities. A longtime member of the home league, she also volunteered at the thrift store and led the over-60 club with her husband, Harry. She was also a member of the St. Andrew Choraliers for more than 20 years.

Dorothy loved to carpet-bowl and even at age 93 made some of the younger players look bad. Over the years she made many friends all over the world and insisted on keeping in touch with them through handwritten letters and cards. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Violet (Jack) Werry; sons Reg (Linda), Dave (Rachel), Gerald, Doug (Lorie) and Bryan; son-in-law, Ray Emmerton; sister, Carlene (Harry) Kidd; sister-in-law, Betty (Russell) Lewis; 16 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.



GAMBO, N.L.—Born in 1920, **Ada Barrow** was enrolled as a soldier in 1938 and became an active Salvationist. A life member of the home league, she served for many years as corps cadet counsellor. Ada was also an active member of her community and loved to help people. She married Edward Barrow and together they had 12 children, three of whom became Salvation Army officers. Ada is missed by sons Bram (Sonja), Major Les (Bessie), Ralph, Major Derrick (Judy), Major Ed (Luanne); daughters Geraldine (Edison), Patsy (Chris), Janet (Claude), Ruby (Leslie); daughter-in-law, Norma; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

BLIND RIVER, Ont.—Born in Denmark in 1916, **Martha Hougesen** was a faithful soldier and songster at Copenhagen Temple, where she loved to sing and play her guitar as she witnessed about Jesus. In 1956, Martha moved to Canada with her husband, Karl, and their seven children. Settling in northern Ontario, she enthusiastically supported The Salvation Army's pioneering work in Blind River and nearby Elliot Lake. She learned to play the cornet and for many years her family were the nucleus of the corps band. A sweet and beautiful Christian woman, Martha was a devoted Salvationist and caring mother. She is greatly missed by sons Dr. Bent (Janet), Kurt (Cheryl) and Keld (Helen); daughters Ruth (John), Bodil, Esther (Patrick) and Gertrud (Jens Anker); 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a large extended family.

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Evangelism in Context

In Peaceable Evangelism (July), Rick Tobias describes what he thinks is the best approach to attract and hold people to the Church, especially the poor and marginalized. I commend him for his dedication, but he must remember this is an age-old problem. In every part of the world, churches, schools and other institutions have long used various means to create a welcoming environment and retain their members. In a similar way, The Salvation Army has freely handed out clothing and food to those in need. If this has not resulted in the Army's pews being

filled up, perhaps it is only because it is mostly perceived as a relief or charitable organization rather than a church. I wish Mr. Tobias every success in his ongoing ministry.

Sridatt Lakhan, *Toronto*

I appreciated the interview with Rick Tobias in your July issue and am using it with students who are engaged in practicum and urban-service learning here at Booth College. The article is a good tool for enthusiastic students who want to share their faith with people who are living in the margins. A good discussion starter, it

is also a reminder that evangelism has a context and that knowing that context is very important.

Major Brenda Smith, *William and Catherine Booth College, Winnipeg*

Going Green in Gananoque

I've noticed several reports in *Salvationist* about ministry units that have gone green. At the Gananoque thrift store, we have implemented various ideas such as encouraging customers to use their own cloth bags and using blue and grey boxes to recycle old cans and cardboard. New energy-efficient windows have been installed in our building, letting in more outside light so we can leave the store lights off during the day. We are proud of our efforts and are striving hard to be good stewards of our environment.

Dave Harvey, *CFS, Gananoque, Ont.*

Officer Insight Appreciated

What a refreshing and positive article (A Willing Heart, June issue). Major Kevin Metcalf certainly has his officership and calling all worked out. He's been called and chosen and hasn't forgotten what commitment is. I'm looking forward to more such articles as others reflect on the value and privilege of Salvation Army officership.

Lt-Colonel Merv Leach, *Brantford, Ont.*

A Matter of Taste

Allow me to take issue with your profile of the new officers recently commissioned (Workers Together For Christ, June issue). There was a day when it was thought that a cadet's favourite Scripture verse was far more important than his or her favourite movie or TV program. Is that day buried along with our evangelistic outreach and the appeal for souls at the conclusion of our meetings?

Major Earl McInnes,
Nicholasville, Kentucky, U.S.A.

Keeping Connected

Thanks for sending the Keep Connected information each month. It is a great tool that makes it easy to encourage our congregation to read *Salvationist* and *Faith & Friends*. We pray that more people will enjoy the great material in these publications.

Captain Mark Dunstan,
Campbell River, B.C.

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—Editor

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Prayer Diary 2008

September 1-6

Focus on Our Core Values:

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- 1 Pray for our social-services ministries, that their care for the whole person will reflect the gospel of Christ
- 2 Pray for those who proclaim the gospel through preaching and teaching ministries
- 3 Pray that various corps fellowship groups will be a means of touching others with the gospel
- 4 Pray for youth pastors and other youth workers who seek to engage young people with the gospel
- 5 Pray for the staff of the editorial department as they seek to proclaim the gospel through their magazine and online ministry
- 6 Pray for CCM support workers to help bring the gospel to those unable to attend church regularly, providing an atmosphere where recipients of their ministry will come to know the love of God

September 7-13

Focus on Cadets of the Prayer Warriors Session

- 7 Pray for Cadets Jeff and Graciela Arkell and Cadets Fred and Carolyn Reid
- 8 Pray for Cadets Phillip and Kathy Blindenbach and Cadet Lorri-Anne Butler
- 9 Pray for Cadets David and Nyree Bond and Cadet Kristen Gray
- 10 Pray for Cadets Larry and Rose Campbell

and Cadet André Pardy

- 11 Pray for Cadets Kevin and Michelle Elsasser
- 12 Pray for Cadets Brent and Melissa Hass
- 13 Pray for Cadets Wayne and Elizabeth Knight

September 14-20

Focus on the Public Relations and Development Department

- 14 Pray for guidance as PRD personnel work to enhance public awareness of The Salvation Army's spiritual and humanitarian mission
- 15 Pray for the continued well-being of PRD personnel and their families
- 16 Pray for the continuing success of the department's year-round fundraising and communications programs, which are vital to the enhancement of the Army's mission
- 17 Pray for guidance as PRD leaders devise, develop and implement measures to strengthen program effectiveness throughout the territory
- 18 Pray for renewed zeal to take full advantage of opportunities to present Jesus Christ and the gospel message to all those with whom department personnel relate
- 19 Pray for guidance for PRD personnel as they interact with government and community leaders and advocate on behalf of the marginalized of our society
- 20 Pray for increased effectiveness in communicating The Salvation Army's position on issues of public policy and seeking to effect change through public education

September 21-27

Focus on Prairie and Northern Territories Division

- 21 Pray for officers of the division who have had appointment changes this year, and for their families during this time of transition
- 22 Pray for the cadets who have entered training from this division (Cadets Kevin and Michelle Elsasser and Cadet André Pardy)
- 23 Pray for new initiatives to increase children's ministries throughout the division
- 24 Pray for the strategic plans in major cities
- 25 Pray for financial sustainability for ministry units that are at risk
- 26 Pray for continued development of officers and lay leaders
- 27 Pray for emergency disaster training and emergency preparedness

September 28-30

Focus on Overseas Personnel

- 28 Pray for Cols Robert and Marguerite Ward, territorial leaders, Pakistan Tty
- 29 Pray for Cpts Keith and Joyce Warford, DSBA and corps officers, Claremont Temple, Western Cape Division, Southern Africa Tty
- 30 Pray for Mjrs Robert and Dana Reid, corps officers, Reading Central, United Kingdom Tty

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